Metropolitan State University

MDST 364 : Indigenous Storytelling and New Media

A. Course Description

Credits: 4

Lab Hours/ Weeks:  
Corequisites: None

Lecture Hours/ Week :

MnTC Goals: None

This course examines the relationship between the media, community organizing, and community power, with special emphasis on the ways in which new media can facilitate storytelling and organizing efforts in indigenous communities. The course also explores theories of social movements, community organizing, and digital storytelling, and the ways in which theory and application connect in communities to promote social change. Students will examine existing media structures and the ways in which these structures are supported and challenged by the opportunities provided by new media and will tell their own stories using new media tools.

B. Course Effective Dates: 12/15/2012 - Present

C. Outline of Major Content Areas:

See Course Description for major content areas.

D. Learning Outcomes (General)

1. Understand the historical connections between community organizing and media, with an emphasis on indigenous communities;
2. Be able to describe the role of media in the organizing efforts of indigenous communities;
3. Be able to tell their own stories from an indigenous perspective using digital media;
4. Be able to create and implement community organizing initiatives; and,
5. Be able to use media to support community organizing.

E. Learning Outcomes (MN Transfer Curriculum)

This contains no goal areas.

G. Special Information

None